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FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 7033 SENT SECSTATE DATED SEP 13.

QUOTE

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FOR SECRETARY, SISCO, ATHERTON FROM SAUNDERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EG, IS, PFOR

SUBJECT: LOCATION OF US WATCH STATIONS

REF: STATE 217220

1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF CAIRO 9073, I TALKED WITH GAZIT MORNING SEPTEMBER 13, USING POINTS IN PARAS. 3, 4, 5-A OF STATE 217220 AS MY TALKING POINTS IN PRESENTING US POSITION ON LOCATION OF US WATCH STATIONS, STATING THAT THIS POSITION HAS BEEN APPROVED AT HIGHEST LEVELS USG. I ALSO NOTED THAT UNDERLYING PURPOSE OF WATCH STATIONS IS TO HELP PROVIDE
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BEST POSSIBLE WARNING AGAINST SURPRISE ATTACK IN PART OF

BUFFER ZONE WHERE PASSES ARE. SINCE EGYPTIANS AND ISRAELIS WILL THEMSELVES BE IN POSITION FROM THEIR OWN SURVEILLANCE STATIONS TO OBSERVE GIDDI PASS AND ITS APPROACHES, WE HAVE DECIDED THAT BEST USE OF US PERSONNEL WOULD BE TO PUT TWO STATIONS IN MITLA, WHICH IN ANY CASE IS MUCH LONGER AND HARDER TO OBSERVE, AND ONE IN GIDDI. I THEN NOTED PARTICULARLY OUR VIEW THAT THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT IN EITHER ANNEX OR PROPOSAL FOR US PERSONNEL TO ESCORT EGYPTIANS AND ISRAELIS THROUGH BUFFER ZONE TO OR FROM RESPECTIVE STATIONS AND THAT WE CAN PERFORM FUNCTION OF VERIFYING ACCESS BY OBSERVATION OF CONVOYS FROM WATCH STATION AND HAVING OUR PEOPLE AT SURVEILLANCE STATIONS VERIFY MOVEMENT INTO AND OUT OF SITES.

2. I TOLD HIM I WOULD BE GIVING THIS TO MAGHDOUB AND SIILASVUO LATER TODAY. I GAVE HIM COORDINATES IN DEGREES FROM REFTEL AND COPY OF RELEVANT PORTION OF AGREEMENT MAP WITH LOCATIONS INDICATED APPROXIMATELY. I PROMISED TO SUPPLY PRECISE MAP REFERENCES KEYED TO AGREEMENT MAP SYSTEMS WHEN I RECEIVED THEM FROM WASHINGTON. HE TOOK INFORMATION PLEASANTLY AND SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH LATER IF HE NEEDED ANY CLARIFICATIONS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT I WOULD BE CONVEYING SAME POSITION TO MAGHDOUB AND SIILASVUOGM

3. I WILL LOOK MONDAY MORNING FOR SUGGESTED LANGUAGE ON US ROLE FROM DEPARTMENT FOR POSSIBLE USE IN PROTOCOL.

4. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS PROMPTLY TO CAIRO AND TEL AVIV.
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